

CHARGE COMPANY OPPOSES BRIDGE Delaware Span Boosters Assert Corporation Controls Politicians' Opinions WANT PEOPLE TO ACT Project Purely an Economic One, Members of Commission Say

The Delaware River bridge project is an economic and not a political question, one which the people of Philadelphia, rather than their political leaders, must decide, according to M. G. Brumbaugh, chairman of the Delaware and Tunnel Commission of New Jersey.

The indifference of Senators Vane and McNichol and their city officials to the project does not indicate a lack of interest on the part of the citizens and business interests of Philadelphia, is the opinion of Samuel H. Brumbaugh, chairman of the New Jersey Commission.

Many members of the Commission believe that a large corporation, which they do not name, is in the background and is doing everything in its power to prevent such a structure being built.

"I spoke at a meeting of the United Business Men's Association held at the Hotel Bingham in December," said Mr. French today, "and I was thoroughly convinced after the meeting that the business interests of Philadelphia want the bridge. There were present at the time representatives of some eighty odd business organizations, representing over 25,000 individual business enterprises."

"A resolution was adopted authorizing the appointment of a bridge committee to secure legislation establishing the State of Pennsylvania to work in conjunction with New Jersey."

"Now, to my surprise, and I might say horror, I find in reading the Evening Ledger's article entitled 'Delaware Bridge Idea Finds No Following' that Senators Vane and McNichol declare it does not even appeal to them, and that the Mayor is even surprised at the project."

"I would suggest that the Senators in question and his Honor the Mayor get in touch and feel the pulse of the men with whom I have come in contact regarding the bridge, and the great commonwealths of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, between Philadelphia and Camden."

"I find by attending the meetings of these up-to-date business men of Philadelphia—who are Philadelphia—who have made that great city what it is today, and who are striving under progressive business methods to make it even a greater city, that they are heartily in favor of the bridge, not from any selfish interests or for private gain or greed, but for the advancement of their city."

the records, the Governor then merely gave his personal acknowledgment of the receipt of the funds, with no further accounting.

At the bottom of this account a note written by the Auditor General's clerk in 1907, appears as follows:

This is more of a diary of expenses than an accounting. Without receipts there is no proof of the latter word understood of payment. There are few of these receipts for.

Auditor General Powell is quoted as having said that the Governor's accounts had nothing to say when he was asked the meaning of the book-keeping notation about "proof." He said he ordered receipts furnished for all expenditures.

"I might add at this time of these gentlemen who stand in the councils of a great political party if they can pay as much for their motives as they pay for the men."

"I would like to know how many of the business men and voters and property owners they have interviewed in order to thus draw the conclusions publicly stated in the Evening Ledger?"

"I would like to ask these distinguished gentlemen, who presume to speak for the city of Philadelphia, just why they have not attended the public meetings, held by broad-minded business men and public-spirited citizens? They receive invitations, yet why were they not there to tell their business men there was no demand for such a structure?"

"I would suggest that the United Business Men's Association or some other public-spirited organization that is in favor of the project call another public meeting, and that these gentlemen be invited to be present, so that we might learn just who is doing the stalling in this matter—the gentlemen in question, the United Business Men or the New Jersey Commission."

Penrose Overruns Rule to Push Probe Continued from Page One thrown into the House upon a majority vote of the entire number of members of the Senate.

The anti-Penrose forces held a prolonged conference last night in the executive mansion. Among those who attended were Senator Edwin H. Vane, Attorney General Brown and the Governor. None of the participants would discuss the conference today.

OLD LOBBYISTS FLOCK TO CAPITOL; OUSTED CLERKS TO LOSE THEIR PAY

Ben K. Clarke, Representing Soft Coal Interests, Leads Special Agents in Harrisburg—Joseph R. Grundy, of Manufacturers, Only Absentee

HARRISBURG, Jan. 24.—The most familiar figures around the Capitol last night and today for the reopening of the session of the Legislature were the lobbyists who swarmed the House and Senate during the fight over the workmen's compensation, child labor, women's labor and similar measures last session.

A rival to the famous "Castle Allegheny" sprang into existence with the reopening of the session. Several Senators have rented a house on North Second street and will live there during the session.

The clerks of the Senate and House who have not been reappointed will be ousted without pay. Thomas H. Garvin, Chief Clerk of the House, who countersigns their warrants, is ill and is not in Harrisburg.

Representative William J. Howarth, of Pittsburgh, has left "Castle Allegheny" because he voted for Edwin H. Cax for speaker when the House organized on January 2. Howarth was the only one of the fifteen Allegheny county residents at the "Castle" who failed to vote for Baldwin.

Two days. Even if Garvin appears the Legislature must pass a special bill for the extra twelve days' pay.

The various factions of the Republican party in Allegheny county are split over the selection of an assistant chief clerk of the House. United States Senator George T. Oliver is backing Harry Hutchinson, Max Leslie is urging the appointment of J. J. Brackman, now journal clerk.

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WANTS COUNTY VOTING ON LOCAL OPTION LAW Ross, of Law and Order Committee, Has Plan, but "Drys" Oppose

HARRISBURG, Jan. 24.—Representative Charles Ross, of Allegheny, local option member of the Law and Order Committee, is in the city today to introduce a bill for county-wide local option law.

Transit Plan Slightly Modified at Hearing Continued from Page One application for this curve was not to prejudice the city's right to recover the matter in the future after an operating agreement for the high-speed system had been reached.

Although occasional mention was made of the proposed operating agreement with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit, Mr. Connelly said that the matter was not now before the city in such a form that it could be considered in connection with the application for certificates of convenience.

The elimination of the two-track curve under the Walton Hotel from the application at present, Mr. Twining said, might be reconsidered after the expiration of an operating lease comes up.

The application for a certificate of convenience for the Roxborough Subway extension from Bridge street to the Franklin elevated from the city's application for construction authority.

Mr. Roberts said that the company had no protest to make against the construction of this section of the elevated, although he indicated that it might force the company to go out of business.

825,000 Eldred Hotel Burns ELPHINSTON, Pa., Jan. 24.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Eldred Hotel here. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

Three Weeks' Courtship Cost Her \$370 Three weeks' courtship cost Miss Tanker (Hemlock) \$370 and a broken heart, according to the story in the hall of complaint filed today against Martin Urbschick, twenty-eight years old, of 107 South Third street.

Fire Destroys 60 Tons of Paper Sixty tons of paper and the freight car containing it were destroyed by fire early today in the yards of the Hinds, Beach, Paper Company in North Gloucester. Members of the Gloucester Fire Department saved baled paper which was standing nearby in the yard, but the fire in the car had made such headway they were unable to stop it. Damage was estimated at \$5000.

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